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Addendum

- 1. My proposed budget for the United Nations Observer Mission in Sierra Leone (UNOMSIL) for the current 1999-2000 financial period (A/53/454/Add.1) amounts to \$16.4 million and is based on the Observer Mission's strength authorized by the Security Council in its resolution 1181 (1998) of 13 July 1998. Pending consideration of the budget by the General Assembly, I have obtained the concurrence of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions in the utilization of the amount of \$5.5 million for the maintenance of the Observer Mission from 1 July to 31 October 1999.
- 2. With reference to paragraph 36 of my report (S/1999/836), I wish to inform the Security Council that the full cost of the provisional expansion of UNOMSIL as described in paragraphs 33 to 51 of the report, is estimated at some \$24.3 million for a 10-month period ending 30 June 2000. This provides for the gradual phasing in of an additional 140 military observers, the establishment of a second-line medical capability with 35 medical personnel and the expansion of the Observer Mission by 59 international civilian and 21 local staff as well as for the required logistical support. The total projected cost of UNOMSIL for the 1999-2000 financial period would amount to \$40.7 million, excluding additional requirements to be determined when my recommendations for the mandate and structure of the enhanced United nations peacekeeping presence in the country are finalized and submitted to the Council, as indicated in paragraph 56 of my report.
- 3. A breakdown of the estimated cost by main categories of expenditure is provided, for information purposes, in the annex to the present addendum.
- 4. Should the Security Council approve the provisional expansion of UNOMSIL, it would be my recommendation to the General Assembly that the related cost should be considered an expense of the Organization to be borne by Member States in accordance with Article 17, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations.

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